APPENDIX III-1

Phase III Bond Release Application Horse Canyon Mine

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Appendix III-1 Phase III Bond Release Application Horse Canyon Mine

The purpose of this application is to request Phase III Bond Release for the Horse Canyon Mine including the Post Mine Land Use Change area with structures and buildings approved by the Division of Oil Gas and Mining (Division) on February 25, 2004. This application includes the lands included in the previous bond releases:

- 1. Phase I (51.56 acres) bond release for \$812,726 was approved by the Division on February 5, 1997.
- 2. Phase II (51.56 acres) bond release for \$191,672 was approved by the Division on April 11, 2002.

The only area not included in this application is a small 0.49 acre area on the Road Junction Refuse Pile shown on Map III-2A. This area consists of an access road to the channel that sustained storm runoff damage, and the channel repair area. The damaged channel will be repaired and the road will need to be opened up to access the damaged channel. Immediately after the repair work is completed, the area will be reclaimed and seeded during the first available seeding season.

Therefore, this application is for a total of 51.07 acres (51.56 acres Phase II area - 0.49 acres for the channel repair area and access road).

Application Format

This application is formatted following Technical Directive Tech - 006, Requirements for Phased Bond Release, March 1, 2001.

This application will present the appropriate Technical Directive section headings in bolded italics followed by responses as follows:

5. Procedure Prior to Bond Release Request

Permit reclamation changes and post mine land use changes:

All permit revisions have been approved by the Division and incorporated into the MRP.

A Post Mine Land Use Change (PMLU) for 16.18 acres not included in the Phase I and Phase II bond release areas was submitted and later approved by the Division on

February 25, 2004 for a portion of the Horse Canyon Mine including buildings and areas donated to the College of Eastern Utah (CEU) under an Asset Assignment Agreement. The post mining land use change was added to the MRP as Appendix X-4 in Chapter X, Volume IV.

The Post Mine Land Use Change area can be seen on Exhibits A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-4 of the PMLU Change application (Appendix X-4, Volume IV of the MRP). The areas covered by this bond release application can be found on Plates III-2A thru III-2G attached to this application as Exhibit III-1-4 including the PMLU area and the areas covered by the approved Phases I and II bond releases. The base map for Plates III-2A through III-2F have been assembled by duplicating Plates III-1A through III-1F, Plate III-2G has been added to include small areas that extended off of Plates III-2A, and III-2B. Four (4) copies are include for insertion into the MRP document.

A copy of the Asset Assignment Agreement with CEU can be found in the Division files under the PLMU application, and as Exhibit III-1-1 of this application.

1. Certify Reclamation

As-build drawings (Plates III-1A thru III-1F) were submitted and approved as part of the Phase II bond release application; these plates have been incorporated into the MRP. Information adequate for Phase I and Phase II bond releases were previously submitted and accepted by the Division as evidenced by the approved Phase I and Phase II bond releases. The approved Post Mine Land Use Change referenced above modified the reclamation plan to leave the buildings, structures and areas as-is for use by the CEU. Therefore, that area, buildings and structures were not reclaimed.

Form C1 included with this application contains a notarized certification.

A statement certifying that all applicable reclamation activities have been accomplished in accordance with requirements of the R645 rules is included as Appendix III-1-8.

2. Provide agreements for structures remaining for post mine land use. Phase III Bond Release Area:

Exhibit III-1-1 to this application includes a signed copy of the Asset Assignment Agreement with the CEU for the post mine land use change area. The structures and areas not reclaimed, and left for post mine land use are shown on Maps III-2C, III-2D, and III-2F in the area designated on the maps, "Post Mine Land Use Change Area Donated To CEU." The structures and areas are described in detail in Appendix III-1-1 of this submittal, and in the Post Mine Land Use Change previously approved by the UDOGM.

On October 4, 1995, a Special Warranty Deed and Dedication Agreement between Intermountain Power Agency, and Emery County was executed giving Emery County rights to the Horse Canyon road for it's use as a public road (refer to Appendix I-6 in Chapter I, Volume I of the MRP). This agreement states that, "The road was established and used by the public to access public lands for recreational and ranching purposes prior to Grantor's improvement of the Road and use thereof for mining purposes." The road has been used by many landowners in Range Creek for decades to access their property, as well as property on the Tavaputs Plateau.

A copy of a letter from the Emery County Road Department, dated February 26, 1996 discussing the Horse Canyon road is included in Appendix I-6. This letter specifically says that Emery County understands that "•••the right-of-way includes all structures within the legal description of the property." Further, the letter states, "The structures within the right-of-way also include the bridge that spans Horse Canyon Creek within the mine area."

The Emery County road has been clearly marked and labeled on all maps included in this application. The road includes a 100 foot wide strip centered on the Horse Canyon road, with wider sections where there are drainage structures, and where the bridge crosses the creek. As can be seen on the maps, areas where mining activity disturbed land within the road were reclaimed and have been included in Phases I and II bond releases.

The bridge abutments are necessary to support future expansion of the Horse Canyon Creek bridge, which is a part of the road. The current bridge is only one lane wide, and Emery County has indicated the need to widen the bridge to two lanes. The Horse Canyon road has been a public road for many decades, long before the SMCRA law came into being. Being a public road, it could not be reclaimed by UEI, or any of it's predecessors. Private property owners in Range Creek and on the Tavaputs Plateau rely on the road for access to their properties.

The approved postmining land use is Wildlife habitat for the major portion of the permit and surrounding areas. As stated in Chapter X of the MPR, on page X-4 Horse Canyon was historically used as a cattle trail, and on page X-16 it states that the road has existed since about 1899. This trail/road likely traversed up the canyon and over the mountain into Range Creek. Further documentation is discussed on page X-16. By necessity, use of the road by ranching requires access for domestic animals, and by ranchers and later when the road was established, their vehicles. Because of long established use, the trail, and then the road became public access to Range Creek and the Tavaputs Plateau. Even though this use may not have been fully discussed in the Horse Canyon Mine permits, it nevertheless existed and cannot be ignored. Court case precedence has been well established that common and long standing use of a trail, or road by the public must be maintained for the benefit of the public. Therefore, the Horse Canyon road would have to be left operational after mining ceased. As stated on page X-16 of the approved MRP,

"The public road currently in existence through the permit area will be retained during and following the mining and reclamation periods."

A Post Mining Land Use Change (PMLU) application for 16.18 acres of the mining area was submitted to the UDOGM and approved for Residential/Recreational for the area including the Horse Canyon Mine buildings. The land and buildings were donated to the Center for Mine Land Redevelopment, and the College of Eastern Utah for use as a science field camp. The Horse Canyon Road is necessary access to the PMLU area.

In view of the above discussion, the Horse Canyon road meets the post mining land use objectives. The bridge abutments are a necessary part of the bridge structure widening, and therefore they meet the post mining land use of Wildlife Habitat, and of Residential/Recreational.

6.5 Acre Borrow Area Disturbed and Not Reclaimed

Map III-2G shows the borrow pit area used to obtain soil materials for final reclamation. As can be seen on the map, the Western portion of the area was used as the borrow area, with the Eastern portion reserved for final reclamation of the buildings area. Since the buildings area was donated to the college of Eastern Utah, and a Land Use Change was approved by the UDOGM, the necessity for borrow from the Eastern area of the borrow pit was precluded. As can be seen by the contours of the Eastern area, no excavations, or removal of soils materials was done. In addition, mature vegetation including pinion and juniper trees in the area attest to the fact that the area has not been disturbed in the past several decades. A pre-law two-track road traverses this area, and it can be verified by the contours along this road that no disturbance has been done.

The Western portion of the borrow pit area was used for reclamation materials for the Horse Canyon Mine as discussed previously. This Western area was included in Phases I and II reclamation bond release, and is included in this Phase III bond release application. It is requested by this application to included both the Western and Eastern portions of the borrow pit for final Phase III bond release since all reclamation standards have been met for the Western portion, and the Eastern portion was never disturbed.

3. Address performance standards.

The land use change area and structures will be used by the CEU. The area has been donated in total including ownership of the property and therefore is removed from reclamation responsibility, although no bond reduction has been applied for. This Phase III bond release application includes the acreage, buildings and structures including the post mine land use change area as well as the areas reclaimed under the Phase I and Phase II bond releases. All pertinent requirements were addressed in the post mine land use change application.

Post Mining Landuse

The postmining landuse of Wildlife Habitat has been achieved by providing much better vegetation for foraging animals than exists in the undisturbed surrounding area. The attached vegetation reports verify that the vegetation reclamation standards have been met or exceeded.

The Horse Canyon Mine buildings and other areas were included in a postmining land use change to Wildlife and Residential/Recreational approved by the UDOGM, with the intent to be used by the CEU for a science field camp. Reclamation in the area provides a good environment for a science field camp by providing vegetation that will attract wildlife. In addition, the buildings and area will provide a base for science studies possibly including, vegetation, soils, geology, paleontology, archeology, and wildlife.

AOC Considerations

6.5 Acre area

As can be seen on Map III-2G, the contour lines in the 6.5 acre area not reclaimed or used for a borrow area for reclamation are quite irregular in nature, indicating that no excavation was conducted during reclamation of the Horse Canyon Mine. Two old pre-law roads criscross the area, and it can be seen by observing the contour lines that they have not been modified by borrow activities. In addition, mature vegetation and large mature trees in the area that no disturbance has been done in this area for decades. Since the area has not been disturbed, approximate original contour requirements for this area do not apply.

0.02 Acre area

The bridge abutments are included in the 0.02 acre area. They are located on the sides of Horse Canyon Creek, and are needed by Emery County for future widening of the bridge. The Horse Canyon Creek is a deeply incised canyon with very steep side walls in this area. This has likely been the case for this canyon for eons, and is typical of canyons in the general area. The bridge abutments do not alter the general shape of the canyon. Since the road is a public road, and the abutments are necessary to support widening of the bridge, the area meets approximate original contour.

Underground Mine Openings

Page IV-15 of the approved MRP states: "There are twelve openings within the Horse Canyon permit area that are sealed. The seals used are suitable for temporary closure or permanent reclamation".

Page II-8 of the approved Horse Canyon MRP states: "In the third quarter of 1986 all portals were sealed with solid block walls to prevent unauthorized entry of the mine. The seals used are suitable are suitable for temporary closure or permanent reclamation."

Page II-14 of the approved Horse Canyon MRP states: "All portals with the exception of the Lila Canyon east and west portals will be backfilled and revegetated during reclamation." Page II-14 goes on to state: "The Lila Canyon portals have been sealed with permanent masonry walls immediately back from the opening. The exterior fan facilities have already been removed. And the small pad which remains has been cleared of any mining equipment. Because of the remoteness and inaccessibility of the portals it is proposed that no further backfilling or reclamation take place at this location. There is no means of access to the portals other than foot travel, thus it would be impossible to regrade the small pad which remains. Natural sloughing of rock from above the portals has been noted, and it appears that eventually the portals will be covered by this rock fall."

A Minor Exploration Permit was approved by DOGM in January of 1992. This permit allowed for BXG, Inc. To breach the seals and explore the Horse Canyon mine. The exploration plan states: "This exploration is not being conducted by the owner or permit holder. Thus, no permit will be modified or revised."

BXG's Horse Canyon Exploration Project began in late August of 1992 with MSHA's approval of the Seal Breaching Plan and subsequent breaching of the Horse and Lila Canyon seals on August 26 and 27, 1992. Mine exploration began January 22, 1993, after MSHA approval of the mine Exploration Plan received on December 30, 1992. A resealing plan was submitted to MSHA on April 27, 1993 and approved May 14, 1993. The Lila and Horse Canyon seals breached in August, 1992 have been restored to original condition.

REQUEST FOR BOND RELEASE

I. A. Notarized signature

This application has been formatted as new Appendix III-1, Chapter III, Volume I of the MRP, and includes form C1 which includes a certification with notarization.

I. B. Notification letters

Exhibit III-1-2 includes copies of notification letters sent to the appropriate individuals and entities included in the following list:

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I. C. NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT

Exhibit III-1-3 includes a copy of the public notice required by R645-301-880-120. Poof of publication will be submitted following posting and receipt of signed affidavit of publication

I. D. PERMIT CONDITIONS

There are no outstanding permit conditions.

II. A. 1. Legal description of the permit area.

The permit area is shown on the Lila Point, and Cedar U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute Quadrangle maps. The areas covered in this Phase III Bond release application include 51.56 acres covered by the Phase I and Phase II bond releases as well as 6.5 acres at the borrow area which was partially disturbed during reclamation efforts in 1990 -1991 by removing some fill material for reclamation. This disturbance of the borrow area was reclaimed at that time and has not been disturbed since. In addition, 0.02 acres including the bridge abutments were retained by Emery County for the bridge providing access to the Horse Canyon County road. Also, 16.18 acres were donated to CEU, making a total of 74.26 acres included in this bond release application.

The complete permit legal description can be found in Chapter I, Volume 1 of the MRP. More specifically, the disturbed areas included in the reclamation bond are as follows:

Post Mining Land Use Change Area:

Township 16 South, Range 14 East, SLB&M

Section 3: Lots 3, 6, 11, 12

Section 4: NE4SE4, SE4SE4, NW4SE4, SW4SE4

Containing 16.18 acres.

Phase III Bond Release Areas:

Township 16 South, Range 14 East, Salt Lake Base & Meridian

Section 3

Lot 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12; N2SW4SW4, SW4SE4, NW4SW4, NE4SW4 N2SE4, SE4SE4

Section 4

SE4NE4, S2SW4, S2SE4NE4, Lot 9, SE4

Section 5

S2SE4SE4

Section 8

NE4NE4

Section 9

NW4NW4, NE4NW4, NW4NE4

Containing 58.08 acres of disturbed area.

II.A.2. Maps

All disturbed areas where reclamation has been completed are included in this Phase III Bond Release application. Those areas can be seen on Plates III-1A thru 1F, III-1A-1, III-B-1, III-1C-1, III-1D-1, and III-1G in Chapter III, Volume I of the MRP. The disturbed area boundary can also be seen on Plates II-1A and 1B in Chapter II, Volume I. Plates III-A thru III-1F have been revised to reflect the Phase III bond release request including the areas donated to CEU included in the PMLU and the areas previously reclaimed under the Phase I and Phase II bond releases, and can be seen in Exhibit III-1-4 of this application.

The maps included with this application show the topography of the area including reclaimed area topographic lines. The Emery County public road has been added to clearly designate it's location in relationship to areas reclaimed, and the area donated to the CEU. The donation area is clearly shown on Maps III-2C, III-D, and III-F.

II.A.3. Vegetation Sampling

Vegetation sampling was conducted in 2003 and 2004 for Phase III bond release evaluation. The sampling reports are included in this application as Exhibit III-1-5, Horse Canyon Vegetation Survey - 2003, and Exhibit III-1-6, Horse Canyon Mine Vegetation Survey - 2004. The Division was notified and consulted in this regard as stated in the 2003 sampling report included as Appendix III-1-5, Horse Canyon Vegetation Study - 2003. The vegetation meets the requirements of the standards as follows:

Quoting from the 2003 study report:

A vegetation inventory was conducted on 6 revegetation sites on the Horse Canyon Mine property between June and August, 2003. Data were collected regarding percent cover, percent cover by species, and woody plant density at each site. Data were also collected from a reference site located on Bureau of Land Management property adjacent to mine property. Revegetation sites were compared to the reference area with respect to cover and woody plant density to determine similarity. All sites cover averages exceed the cover average for the reference site and should be judged to have satisfactorily exceeded minimum requirements with respect to cover. Woody plant density in all revegetated sites exceeded woody plant

density in the reference area. Species diversity was also higher in all revegetated areas when compared to the reference area.

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II.A.4. Reclamation treatments, areas and work accomplished

The following MRP Chapters address the information required:

Reclamation areas and plan	Chapter 3, Volume I
Postmining Topography	Chapter 3. Volume I
Drainage Control	Chapter 3, Volume I
Vegetation Ch	apter VIII. Volume IV
Land Use C	hapter X. Volume IV
*** The Post Mine Land Use Change including the CEU dona	ation area is included
in Appendix X-4.	

Roads

All roads were reclaimed except for the Horse Canyon public road. All reclaimed roads are included on the maps in the areas designated "Phase III Reclaimed Areas." The roads were reclaimed according to the approved MRP. A short road will be needed to access the Road Junction Refuse Pile channel that sustained storm damage as shown on Map III-2A. This road will be opened up to access the channel for repairs and will be immediately

reclaimed and seeded during the first available reclamation season according to the approved MRP.

II.A.5. Mining history and reclamation activities

The Horse Canyon Mine was initially opened by the Defense Plant Corporation in 1942 as a source for coal for the Geneva Steel Works in Orem, Utah. The mine was sold to U.S. Steel in 1946, who operated it until January 1984, when mining was permanently suspended. U.S. Steel submitted a mining and reclamation permit application in March, 1981. In October 1982, U.S. Steel informed the Division that it was temporarily suspending mining operations, and in January 1984 permanent suspension was announced.

In November 1984, Kaiser Steel Corporation purchased the mine property and submitted a reclamation bond in the amount of \$918,649, and indicated to the Division that it would maintain the operations in a temporary suspension status until further corporate decisions were made. In February 1987, Kaiser Coal, successor to Kaiser Steel filed a petition for bankruptcy under Chapter 11, Title 11, of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Intermountain Power Agency (IPS) acquired the mine and the permit was transferred to IPA in August 1990. IPA was issued a mining and reclamation plan on May 6, 1991, and a reclamation bond in the amount of \$1,950,000 was issued in the form of a letter of credit.

Reclamation work proceeded on 51.56 acres of the 74.26 acres in 1990 and 1991. Phase I bond release was granted on February 5, 1997 for \$812,276. Phase II bond release application was submitted on December 19, 1997.

UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. acquired the mine from IPA on December 21, 1998. Phase II bond release was granted on April 11, 2002.

II.A.6. Extended Responsibility

There is no only area of extended responsibility period for the Horse Canyon Mine is shown on Map III-2A consisting of a short access road to the channel that sustained storm runoff damage, and the channel repair area. This area and road consist of 0.49 acres.

II.A.7. Remaining sediment control structures

There are no remaining sediment control structures that need to be removed.

II.A.8. Schedule and cost estimate for remaining reclamation

Phase II Bond release has been granted, this application is for Phase III bond release, completing the reclamation process, except for the 0.49 acre area on the Road Junction Refuse Pile where the channel will be repaired. Therefore, there is no remaining

reclamation responsibility after Phase III bond release being granted.

With the post mine land use change for the CEU donation, all un-reclaimed facilities and land have been removed from permit responsibility.

II.A.9. Summary of bond acreages, dates of bond releases

Date	Status	Amount	Acreages
11 Nov 84	Initial Kaiser Bond	\$ 918,649	74.26 Disturbed
6 May 91	IPA Bond	\$ 1,950,000	74.26 Disturbed
5 Feb 97	Phase I Bond Release (IPA)	\$ 812,726	74.26 - 51.56 = 22.7 Balance
15 Sept 98	Intital Horse Canyon Bond (UAE)	\$ 1,137,726	22.7 Disturbed Remaining
24 Jan 01	Adjustment at permit renewal by \$115,274	\$ 1,253,000	22.7 Disturbed Remaining
11 Apr 02	Phase II Bond Released \$191,672	\$ 1,061,328	22.7 Disturbed Remaining
25 Feb 04	Post Mine Land Use Change Approved including 16.18 acres	No Change	22.7 -16.18 = 6.52 Remaining ^A
	Phase III Bond Release Application	\$1,051,328	74.26-0.49 = 73.77 Ph III
	Road Junction Refuse Pile Channel & Access Road	\$10,000	0.49 Remaining

ARefer to Section II.A.1 on page 2 of this application for an explanation of the 6.5 acres.

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Date

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Re: Phase III Bond Release, Horse Canyon Mine, DOGM Permit C\007\013

Dear Mr. Eardley,

In accordance with the requirements of R645-301-880.120, UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. (UAE) is notifying the surface land owners and local government body within and adjacent to the Horse Canyon Mine of intention to seek Phase III bond release on those disturbed lands approved for reclamation, and on lands donated to the College of Eastern Utah. The land is described on the attached public notice.

The Phase III bond release application is for Surety #4892 for \$1,051,328 and covers a total of 73.77 acres, including 16.18 acres donated to the College of Eastern Utah Foundation. The areas donated to the College of Eastern Utah are covered under an approved post mine land use change, from Wildlife to Residential/Recreation. The remaining 0.49 acres in Surety #4892 for \$10,000 will remain for the Road Junction Refuse Pile channel and access road.

Reclamation of the 51.65 remaining acres was completed in 1991, and meets the requirements of the regulations for post mine land use of Wildlife Habitat, including stabilization of lands, restoration of drainages, and vegetation establishment. After the 1991 reclamation, storm damaged the Road Junction Refuse Pile channel requiring channel repairs including an access road to the channel for a total of 0.49 acres which will remain under Surety #4892.

In summary:

51.56 (acres included in Phase I and Phase II bond release)

16.18 (acres donated)

6.50 (acres identified for future disturbance but never disturbed)

_____.02 (bridge abutments within Emery County Road ROW)

74.26 Acres

-0.49 (Acres remaining under Surety #4892 for Road Junction Refuse Pile channel

and access road)

73.77 Acres (total acres within the disturbed area for Phase III bond release)

Comments from the legal or equitable owner of record of the surface areas to be affected and from the Federal, Utah and local government agencies should be mailed to: Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Attention: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Permit Supervisor, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, P.O. Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 637-5032 Extension 724, or Pamela Grubaugh-Littig at (801) 538-5268.

Sincerely,

Jay Marshall Project Engineer

Date

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Mr. Orlando LaFontaine, Mayor East Carbon City 101 West Geneva Dr. East Carbon, Utah 84520

Re: Phase III Bond Release, Horse Canyon Mine, DOGM Permit C\007\013

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United States Department of The Interior Bureau of Land Management Mr. Mark Mackiewicz 125 South 600 West Price, Utah 84501

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Department of Natural Resources Division of Sovereign Lands & Forestry 1594 W. North Temple, Suite 3520 P.O. Box 145703 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5703

Re: Phase III Bond Release, Horse Canyon Mine, DOGM Permit C\007\013

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Re: Phase III Bond Release, Horse Canyon Mine, DOGM Permit C\007\013

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Re: Phase III Bond Release, Horse Canyon Mine, DOGM Permit C\007\013

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Emery County Planning & Zoning Commission PO Box 727 75 East Main St. Castle Dale, Utah 84513

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UtahAmerican Letterhead

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Mr. Darrel Leamaster Castle Valley Special Service District 86 South 100 East Castle Dale, Utah 84513

Re: Phase III Bond Release, Horse Canyon Mine, DOGM Permit C\007\013

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Public Notice

Application for Phase III Bond Release

Horse Canyon Mine
UtahAmerican Energy , Inc.
Permit C/007/013, Renewed 5/6/2001
Emery County, Utah

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Township 16 South, Range 14 East, Salt Lake Base & Meridian

Section 3

Lot 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, N2SW4SW4, SW4SE4, NW4SW4, NE4SW4, N2SE4 SE4SE4

Section 4

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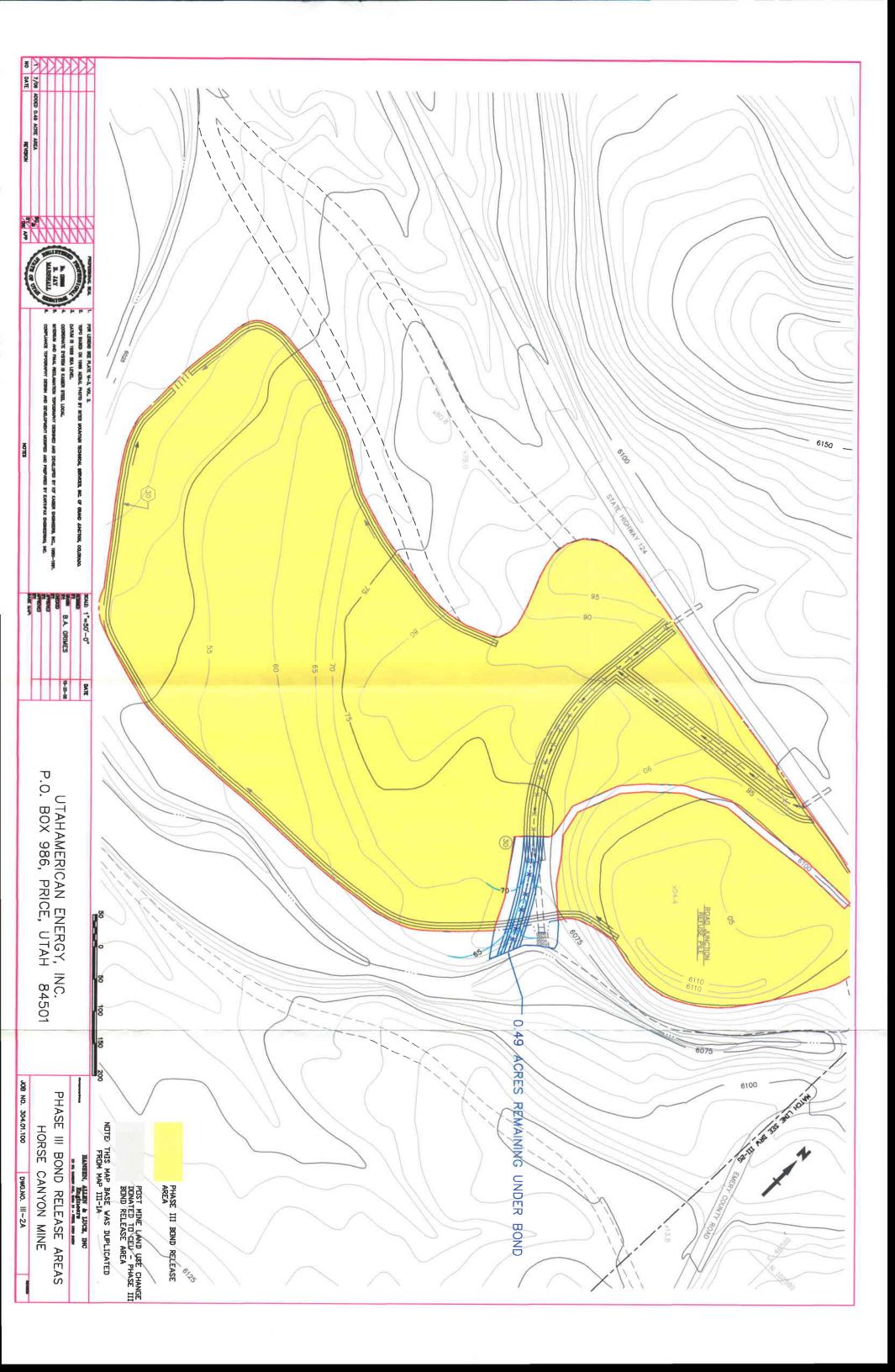
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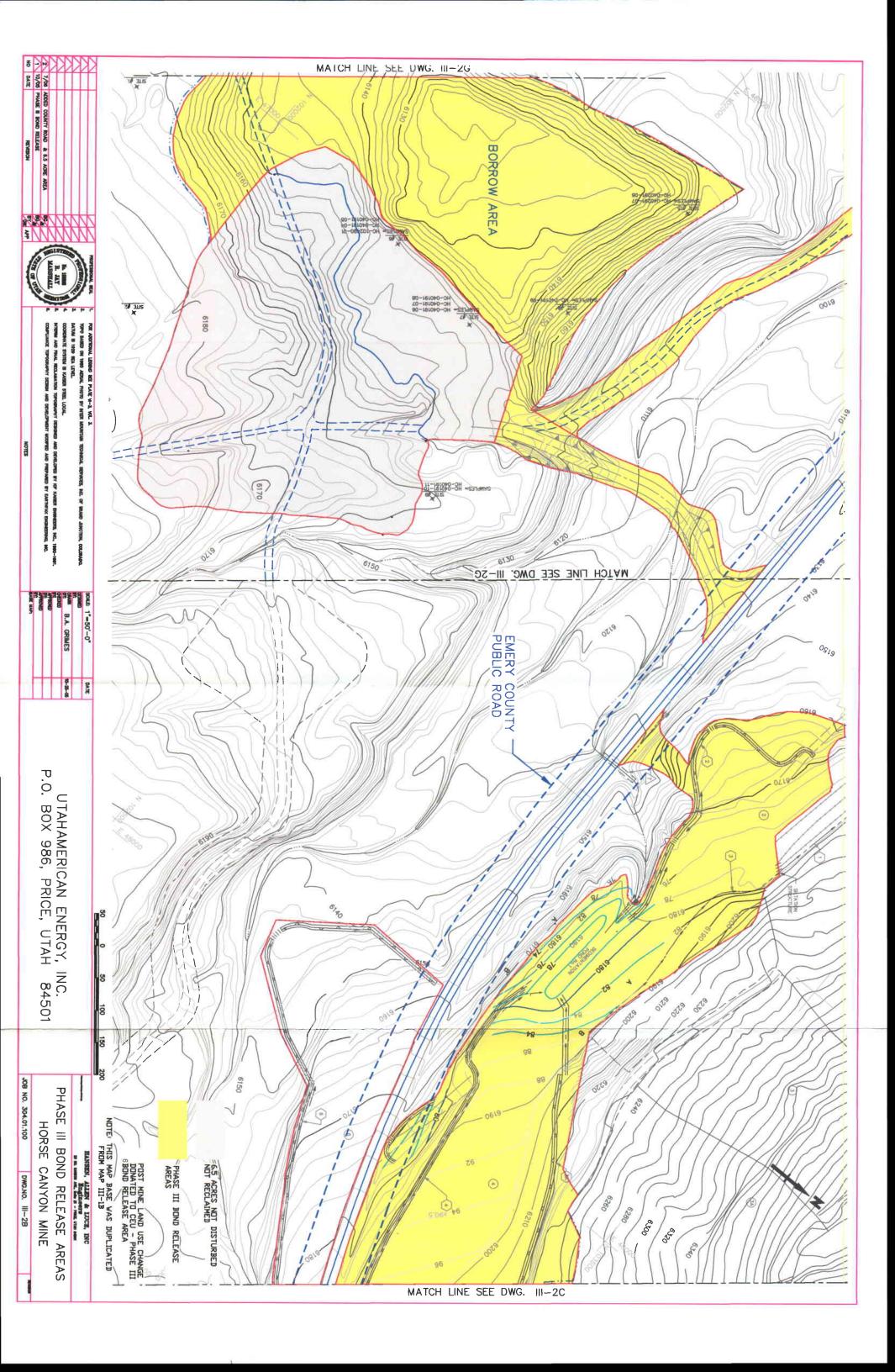
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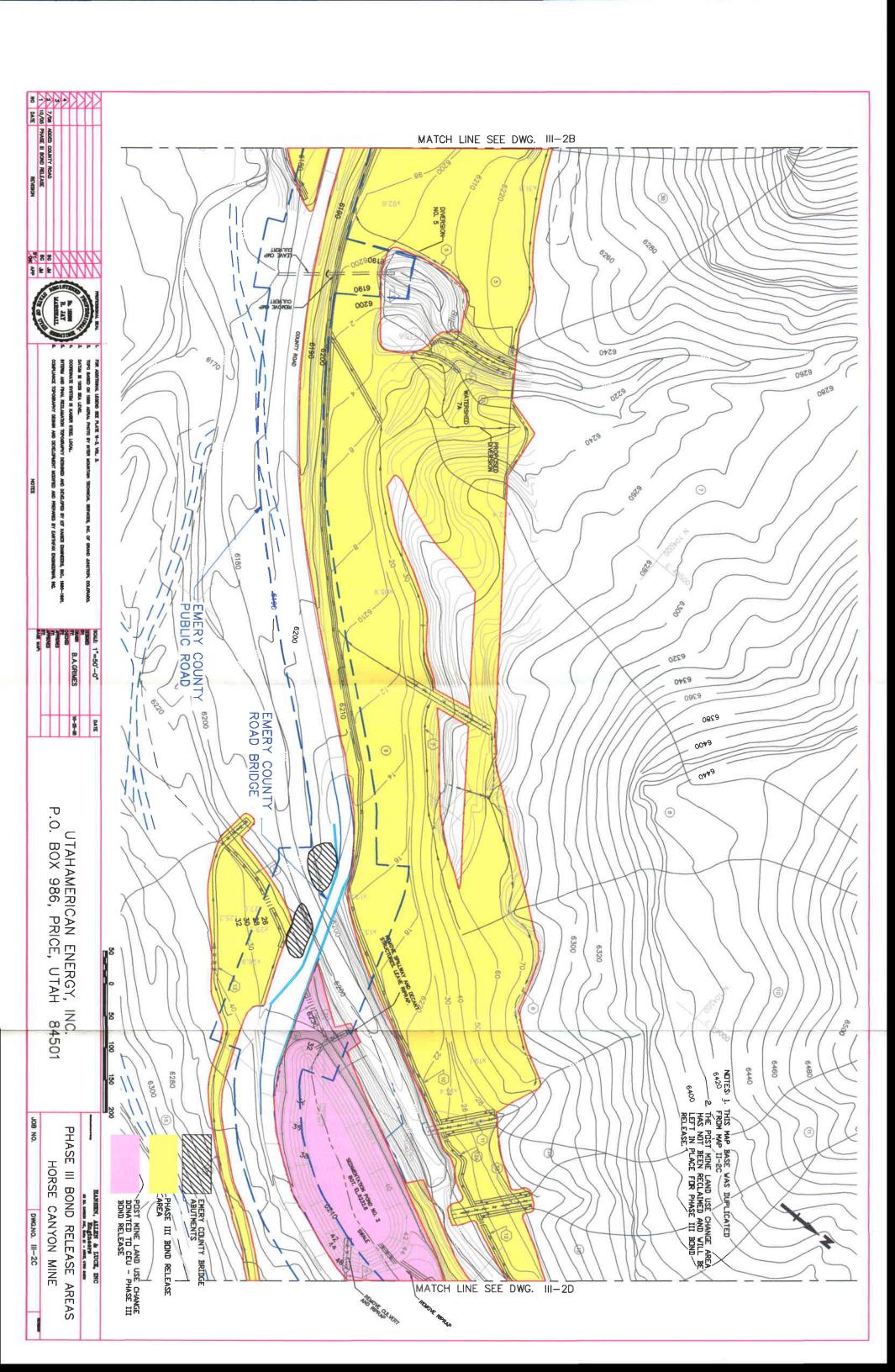
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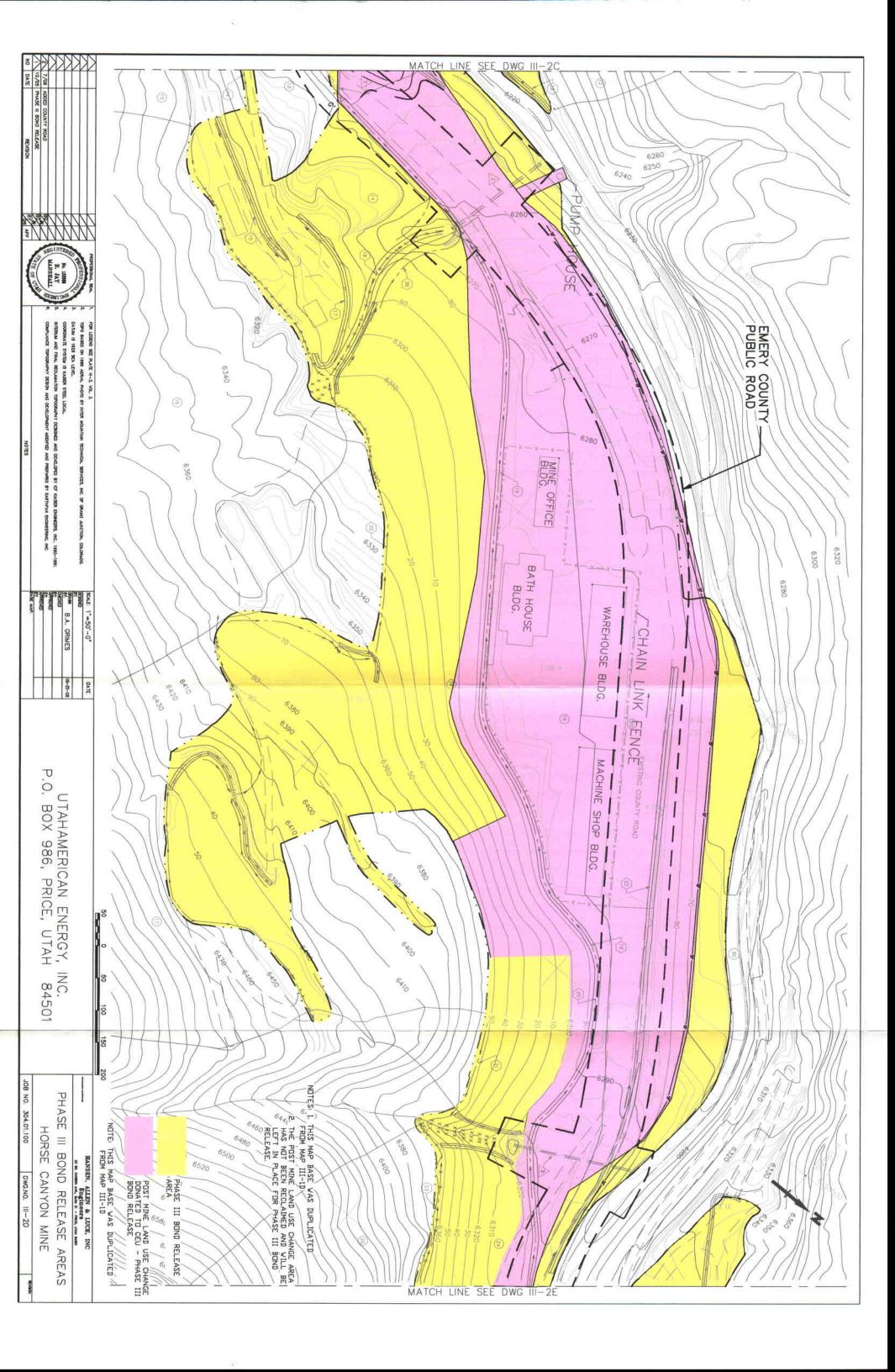
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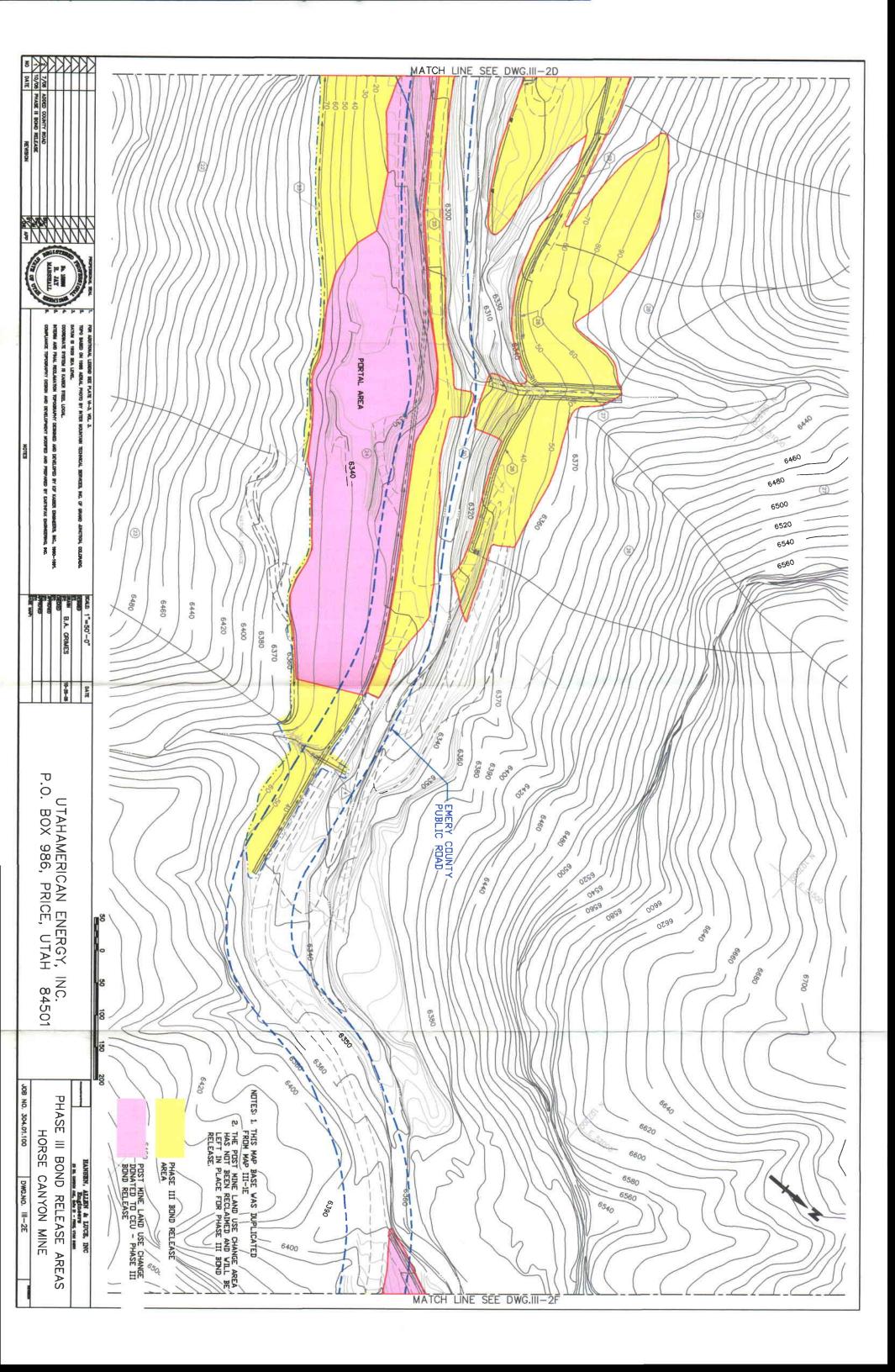
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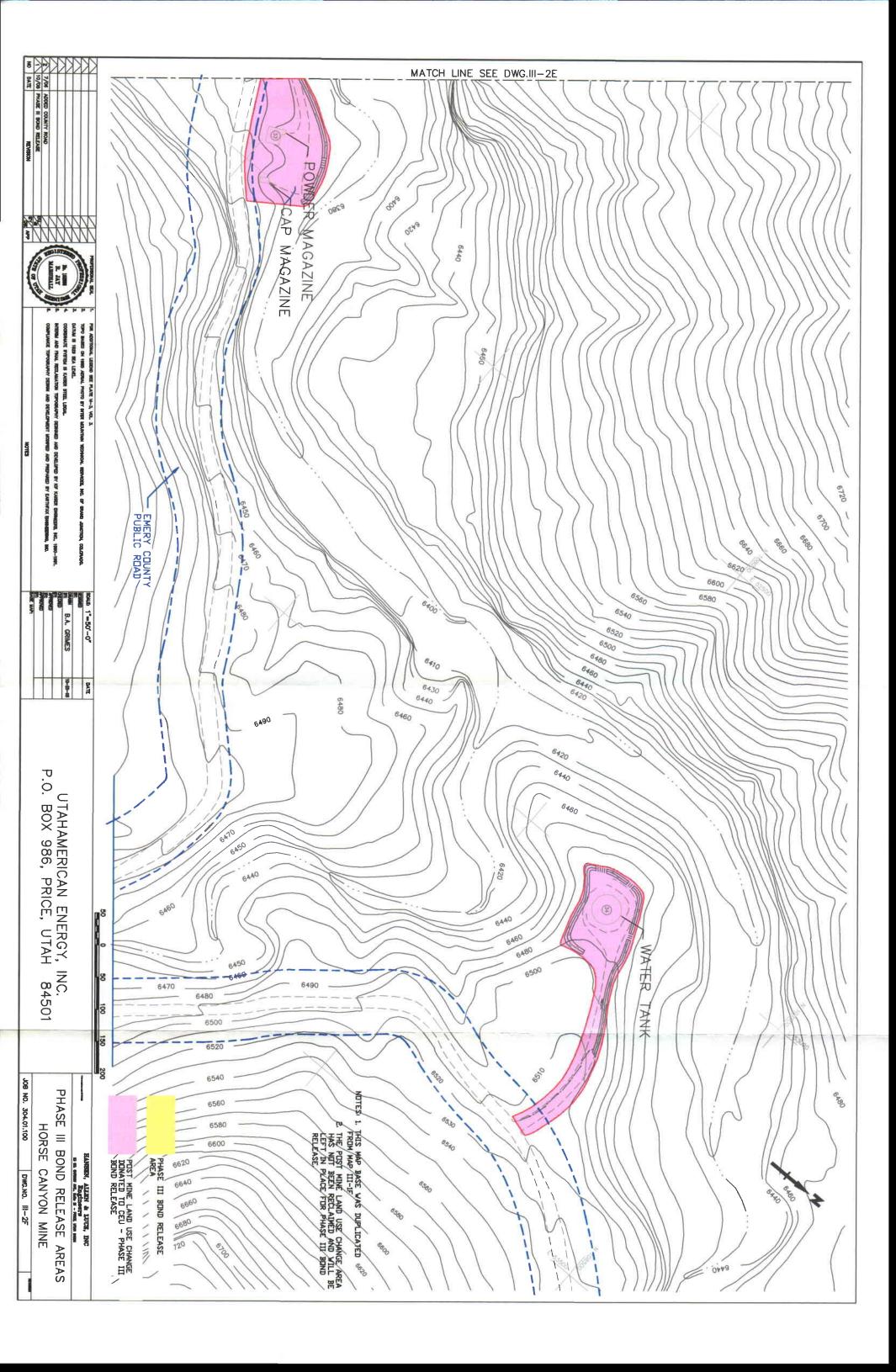


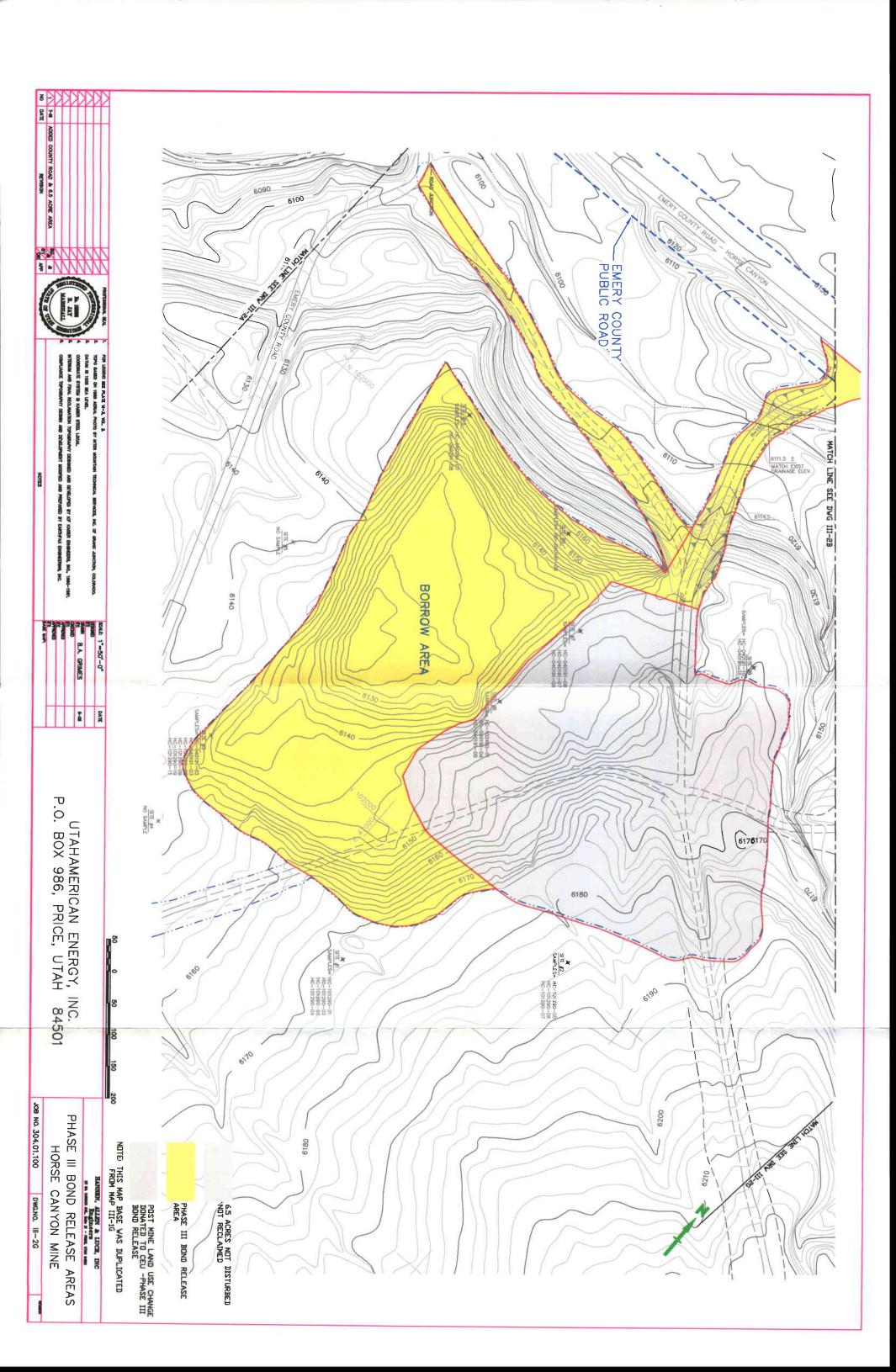












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UDOGM Phase III Bond Release Application Review Comments Letter Dated June 5, 2006



State of Utah

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MICHAEL R. STYLER Executive Director

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Division Director

JON M. HUNTSMAN, IR.

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June 5, 2006

Jay Marshall, Resident Agent UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. P.O. Box 986 Price, Utah 84501

Subject: Phase III Bond Release UtahAmerican Energy, Inc., Horse Canyon Mine, C/007/0013, Task ID #2409, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Marshall:

The above-referenced amendment has been reviewed. There are deficiencies that must be adequately addressed prior to approval. In order for us to continue to process your application, please respond to these deficiencies by July 7, 2006.

The deficiencies are as follows:

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Page 3 Jay Marshall June 5, 2006

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5268 or Wayne Western at (801) 538-5263.

Sincerely,

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig Permit Supervisor

cc: Price Field Office
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Reclamation Certification



UtahAmerican Energy, Inc.

Horse Canyon Mine ACT/007/013

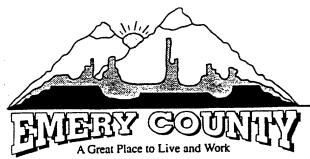
Re Phase III Bond Release Horse Canyon Mine ACT 007/013

I hereby certify to the best of my information and belief all the information contained in this request for bond release is true and correct and that all applicable reclamation activities have been accomplished in accordance with the requirement of the Act, the regulatory program and the approved reclamation plan.

R. Jay Marshall R. Jay Marshall Sign Name, Position, Date	1 7/5/06
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day	y of <u>July</u> , 2006
Notary Public	DELIA PALETTA NOTARY PUBLIC • STATE OF UTAH 375 SOUTH CARBON AVE.
My Commission Expires: 20 6 6	PHICE, UTAH 84501 COMM, EXP. 7-6-2006
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Appendix III-1-9

0.02 Acres - Emery County Bridge Abutments - Emery County Roads Department Letter



February 26, 1996

Mr. William W. Engles
Coal Supply Engineer
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City of Los Angeles
Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1107
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: Ownership of the Horse Canyon Bridge

Dear Mr. Engles:

In October 1995, Emery County entered into a Special Warranty Deed and Dedication Agreement with the Intermountain Power Agency in which Emery County assumed the right and title to the Range Creek Road right-of-way through Horse Canyon. It is Emery County's understanding that the right-of-way includes all structures within the legal description of the property. The structures within the right-of-way also include the bridge that spans Horse Canyon Creek within the mine area.

If you have further questions concerning this matter, please feel free to call me at (801) 381-5450.

Sincerely,

Rex Funk

Emery County Road Supervisor

cc:

Kent Petersen, Commissioner Bevan Wilson, Commissioner Randy Johnson, Commissioner Emery County Special Service District #1

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APPENDIX III-1

Phase III Bond Release Application Horse Canyon Mine

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Appendix III-1 Phase III Bond Release Application Horse Canyon Mine

The purpose of this application is to request Phase III Bond Release for the Horse Canyon Mine including the Post Mine Land Use Change area with structures and buildings approved by the Division of Oil Gas and Mining (Division) on February 25, 2004. This application includes the lands included in the previous bond releases:

- 1. Phase I (51.56 acres) bond release for \$812,726 was approved by the Division on February 5, 1997.
- 2. Phase II (51.56 acres) bond release for \$191,672 was approved by the Division on April 11, 2002.

The only area not included in this application is a small 0.49 acre area on the Road Junction Refuse Pile shown on Map III-2A. This area consists of an access road to the channel that sustained storm runoff damage, and the channel repair area. The damaged channel will be repaired and the road will need to be opened up to access the damaged channel. Immediately after the repair work is completed, the area will be reclaimed and seeded during the first available seeding season.

Therefore, this application is for a total of 51.07 acres (51.56 acres Phase II area - 0.49 acres for the channel repair area and access road).

Application Format

This application is formatted following Technical Directive Tech - 006, Requirements for Phased Bond Release, March 1, 2001.

This application will present the appropriate Technical Directive section headings in bolded italics followed by responses as follows:

5. Procedure <u>Prior to Bond Release Request</u>

Permit reclamation changes and post mine land use changes:

All permit revisions have been approved by the Division and incorporated into the MRP.

A Post Mine Land Use Change (PMLU) for 16.18 acres not included in the Phase I and Phase II bond release areas was submitted and later approved by the Division on

February 25, 2004 for a portion of the Horse Canyon Mine including buildings and areas donated to the College of Eastern Utah (CEU) under an Asset Assignment Agreement. The post mining land use change was added to the MRP as Appendix X-4 in Chapter X, Volume IV.

The Post Mine Land Use Change area can be seen on Exhibits A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-4 of the PMLU Change application (Appendix X-4, Volume IV of the MRP). The areas covered by this bond release application can be found on Plates III-2A thru III-2G attached to this application as Exhibit III-1-4 including the PMLU area and the areas covered by the approved Phases I and II bond releases. The base map for Plates III-2A through III-2F have been assembled by duplicating Plates III-1A through III-1F, Plate III-2G has been added to include small areas that extended off of Plates III-2A, and III-2B. Four (4) copies are include for insertion into the MRP document.

A copy of the Asset Assignment Agreement with CEU can be found in the Division files under the PLMU application, and as Exhibit III-1-1 of this application.

1. Certify Reclamation

As-build drawings (Plates III-1A thru III-1F) were submitted and approved as part of the Phase II bond release application; these plates have been incorporated into the MRP. Information adequate for Phase I and Phase II bond releases were previously submitted and accepted by the Division as evidenced by the approved Phase I and Phase II bond releases. The approved Post Mine Land Use Change referenced above modified the reclamation plan to leave the buildings, structures and areas as-is for use by the CEU. Therefore, that area, buildings and structures were not reclaimed.

Form C1 included with this application contains a notarized certification.

A statement certifying that all applicable reclamation activities have been accomplished in accordance with requirements of the R645 rules is included as Appendix III-1-8.

2. Provide agreements for structures remaining for post mine land use. Phase III Bond Release Area:

Exhibit III-1-1 to this application includes a signed copy of the Asset Assignment Agreement with the CEU for the post mine land use change area. The structures and areas not reclaimed, and left for post mine land use are shown on Maps III-2C, III-2D, and III-2F in the area designated on the maps, "Post Mine Land Use Change Area Donated To CEU." The structures and areas are described in detail in Appendix III-1-1 of this submittal, and in the Post Mine Land Use Change previously approved by the UDOGM.

On October 4, 1995, a Special Warranty Deed and Dedication Agreement between Intermountain Power Agency, and Emery County was executed giving Emery County rights to the Horse Canyon road for it's use as a public road (refer to Appendix I-6 in Chapter I, Volume I of the MRP). This agreement states that, "The road was established and used by the public to access public lands for recreational and ranching purposes prior to Grantor's improvement of the Road and use thereof for mining purposes." The road has been used by many landowners in Range Creek for decades to access their property, as well as property on the Tavaputs Plateau.

A copy of a letter from the Emery County Road Department, dated February 26, 1996 discussing the Horse Canyon road is included in Appendix I-6. This letter specifically says that Emery County understands that "•••the right-of-way includes all structures within the legal description of the property." Further, the letter states, "The structures within the right-of-way also include the bridge that spans Horse Canyon Creek within the mine area."

The Emery County road has been clearly marked and labeled on all maps included in this application. The road includes a 100 foot wide strip centered on the Horse Canyon road, with wider sections where there are drainage structures, and where the bridge crosses the creek. As can be seen on the maps, areas where mining activity disturbed land within the road were reclaimed and have been included in Phases I and II bond releases.

The bridge abutments are necessary to support future expansion of the Horse Canyon Creek bridge, which is a part of the road. The current bridge is only one lane wide, and Emery County has indicated the need to widen the bridge to two lanes. The Horse Canyon road has been a public road for many decades, long before the SMCRA law came into being. Being a public road, it could not be reclaimed by UEI, or any of it's predecessors. Private property owners in Range Creek and on the Tavaputs Plateau rely on the road for access to their properties.

The approved postmining land use is Wildlife habitat for the major portion of the permit and surrounding areas. As stated in Chapter X of the MPR, on page X-4 Horse Canyon was historically used as a cattle trail, and on page X-16 it states that the road has existed since about 1899. This trail/road likely traversed up the canyon and over the mountain into Range Creek. Further documentation is discussed on page X-16. By necessity, use of the road by ranching requires access for domestic animals, and by ranchers and later when the road was established, their vehicles. Because of long established use, the trail, and then the road became public access to Range Creek and the Tavaputs Plateau. Even though this use may not have been fully discussed in the Horse Canyon Mine permits, it nevertheless existed and cannot be ignored. Court case precedence has been well established that common and long standing use of a trail, or road by the public must be maintained for the benefit of the public. Therefore, the Horse Canyon road would have to be left operational after mining ceased. As stated on page X-16 of the approved MRP,

"The public road currently in existence through the permit area will be retained during and following the mining and reclamation periods."

A Post Mining Land Use Change (PMLU) application for 16.18 acres of the mining area was submitted to the UDOGM and approved for Residential/Recreational for the area including the Horse Canyon Mine buildings. The land and buildings were donated to the Center for Mine Land Redevelopment, and the College of Eastern Utah for use as a science field camp. The Horse Canyon Road is necessary access to the PMLU area.

In view of the above discussion, the Horse Canyon road meets the post mining land use objectives. The bridge abutments are a necessary part of the bridge structure widening, and therefore they meet the post mining land use of Wildlife Habitat, and of Residential/Recreational.

6.5 Acre Borrow Area Disturbed and Not Reclaimed

Map III-2G shows the borrow pit area used to obtain soil materials for final reclamation. As can be seen on the map, the Western portion of the area was used as the borrow area, with the Eastern portion reserved for final reclamation of the buildings area. Since the buildings area was donated to the college of Eastern Utah, and a Land Use Change was approved by the UDOGM, the necessity for borrow from the Eastern area of the borrow pit was precluded. As can be seen by the contours of the Eastern area, no excavations, or removal of soils materials was done. In addition, mature vegetation including pinion and juniper trees in the area attest to the fact that the area has not been disturbed in the past several decades. A pre-law two-track road traverses this area, and it can be verified by the contours along this road that no disturbance has been done.

The Western portion of the borrow pit area was used for reclamation materials for the Horse Canyon Mine as discussed previously. This Western area was included in Phases I and II reclamation bond release, and is included in this Phase III bond release application. It is requested by this application to included both the Western and Eastern portions of the borrow pit for final Phase III bond release since all reclamation standards have been met for the Western portion, and the Eastern portion was never disturbed.

3. Address performance standards.

The land use change area and structures will be used by the CEU. The area has been donated in total including ownership of the property and therefore is removed from reclamation responsibility, although no bond reduction has been applied for. This Phase III bond release application includes the acreage, buildings and structures including the post mine land use change area as well as the areas reclaimed under the Phase I and Phase II bond releases. All pertinent requirements were addressed in the post mine land use change application.

Post Mining Landuse

The postmining landuse of Wildlife Habitat has been achieved by providing much better vegetation for foraging animals than exists in the undisturbed surrounding area. The attached vegetation reports verify that the vegetation reclamation standards have been met or exceeded.

The Horse Canyon Mine buildings and other areas were included in a postmining land use change to Wildlife and Residential/Recreational approved by the UDOGM, with the intent to be used by the CEU for a science field camp. Reclamation in the area provides a good environment for a science field camp by providing vegetation that will attract wildlife. In addition, the buildings and area will provide a base for science studies possibly including, vegetation, soils, geology, paleontology, archeology, and wildlife.

AOC Considerations

6.5 Acre area

As can be seen on Map III-2G, the contour lines in the 6.5 acre area not reclaimed or used for a borrow area for reclamation are quite irregular in nature, indicating that no excavation was conducted during reclamation of the Horse Canyon Mine. Two old pre-law roads criscross the area, and it can be seen by observing the contour lines that they have not been modified by borrow activities. In addition, mature vegetation and large mature trees in the area that no disturbance has been done in this area for decades. Since the area has not been disturbed, approximate original contour requirements for this area do not apply.

0.02 Acre area

The bridge abutments are included in the 0.02 acre area. They are located on the sides of Horse Canyon Creek, and are needed by Emery County for future widening of the bridge. The Horse Canyon Creek is a deeply incised canyon with very steep side walls in this area. This has likely been the case for this canyon for eons, and is typical of canyons in the general area. The bridge abutments do not alter the general shape of the canyon. Since the road is a public road, and the abutments are necessary to support widening of the bridge, the area meets approximate original contour.

Underground Mine Openings

Page IV-15 of the approved MRP states: "There are twelve openings within the Horse Canyon permit area that are sealed. The seals used are suitable for temporary closure or permanent reclamation".

Page II-8 of the approved Horse Canyon MRP states: "In the third quarter of 1986 all portals were sealed with solid block walls to prevent unauthorized entry of the mine. The seals used are suitable are suitable for temporary closure or permanent reclamation."

Page II-14 of the approved Horse Canyon MRP states: "All portals with the exception of the Lila Canyon east and west portals will be backfilled and revegetated during reclamation." Page II-14 goes on to state: "The Lila Canyon portals have been sealed with permanent masonry walls immediately back from the opening. The exterior fan facilities have already been removed. And the small pad which remains has been cleared of any mining equipment. Because of the remoteness and inaccessibility of the portals it is proposed that no further backfilling or reclamation take place at this location. There is no means of access to the portals other than foot travel, thus it would be impossible to regrade the small pad which remains. Natural sloughing of rock from above the portals has been noted, and it appears that eventually the portals will be covered by this rock fall."

A Minor Exploration Permit was approved by DOGM in January of 1992. This permit allowed for BXG, Inc. To breach the seals and explore the Horse Canyon mine. The exploration plan states: "This exploration is not being conducted by the owner or permit holder. Thus, no permit will be modified or revised."

BXG's Horse Canyon Exploration Project began in late August of 1992 with MSHA's approval of the Seal Breaching Plan and subsequent breaching of the Horse and Lila Canyon seals on August 26 and 27, 1992. Mine exploration began January 22, 1993, after MSHA approval of the mine Exploration Plan received on December 30, 1992. A resealing plan was submitted to MSHA on April 27, 1993 and approved May 14, 1993. The Lila and Horse Canyon seals breached in August, 1992 have been restored to original condition.

REQUEST FOR BOND RELEASE

I. A. Notarized signature

This application has been formatted as new Appendix III-1, Chapter III, Volume I of the MRP, and includes form C1 which includes a certification with notarization.

I. B. Notification letters

Exhibit III-1-2 includes copies of notification letters sent to the appropriate individuals and entities included in the following list:

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I. C. NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT

Exhibit III-1-3 includes a copy of the public notice required by R645-301-880-120. Poof of publication will be submitted following posting and receipt of signed affidavit of publication

I. D. PERMIT CONDITIONS

There are no outstanding permit conditions.

II. A. 1. Legal description of the permit area.

The permit area is shown on the Lila Point, and Cedar U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute Quadrangle maps. The areas covered in this Phase III Bond release application include 51.56 acres covered by the Phase I and Phase II bond releases as well as 6.5 acres at the borrow area which was partially disturbed during reclamation efforts in 1990 -1991 by removing some fill material for reclamation. This disturbance of the borrow area was reclaimed at that time and has not been disturbed since. In addition, 0.02 acres including the bridge abutments were retained by Emery County for the bridge providing access to the Horse Canyon County road. Also, 16.18 acres were donated to CEU, making a total of 74.26 acres included in this bond release application.

The complete permit legal description can be found in Chapter I, Volume 1 of the MRP. More specifically, the disturbed areas included in the reclamation bond are as follows:

Post Mining Land Use Change Area:

Township 16 South, Range 14 East, SLB&M

Section 3: Lots 3, 6, 11, 12

Section 4: NE4SE4, SE4SE4, NW4SE4, SW4SE4

Containing 16.18 acres.

Phase III Bond Release Areas:

Township 16 South, Range 14 East, Salt Lake Base & Meridian

Section 3

Lot 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12; N2SW4SW4, SW4SE4, NW4SW4, NE4SW4 N2SE4, SE4SE4

Section 4

SE4NE4, S2SW4, S2SE4NE4, Lot 9, SE4

Section 5

S2SE4SE4

Section 8

NE4NE4

Section 9

NW4NW4, NE4NW4, NW4NE4

Containing 58.08 acres of disturbed area.

II.A.2. Maps

All disturbed areas where reclamation has been completed are included in this Phase III Bond Release application. Those areas can be seen on Plates III-1A thru 1F, III-1A-1, III-B-1, III-1C-1, III-1D-1, and III-1G in Chapter III, Volume I of the MRP. The disturbed area boundary can also be seen on Plates II-1A and 1B in Chapter II, Volume I. Plates III-A thru III-1F have been revised to reflect the Phase III bond release request including the areas donated to CEU included in the PMLU and the areas previously reclaimed under the Phase I and Phase II bond releases, and can be seen in Exhibit III-1-4 of this application.

The maps included with this application show the topography of the area including reclaimed area topographic lines. The Emery County public road has been added to clearly designate it's location in relationship to areas reclaimed, and the area donated to the CEU. The donation area is clearly shown on Maps III-2C, III-D, and III-F.

II.A.3. Vegetation Sampling

Vegetation sampling was conducted in 2003 and 2004 for Phase III bond release evaluation. The sampling reports are included in this application as Exhibit III-1-5, Horse Canyon Vegetation Survey - 2003, and Exhibit III-1-6, Horse Canyon Mine Vegetation Survey - 2004. The Division was notified and consulted in this regard as stated in the 2003 sampling report included as Appendix III-1-5, Horse Canyon Vegetation Study - 2003. The vegetation meets the requirements of the standards as follows:

Quoting from the 2003 study report:

A vegetation inventory was conducted on 6 revegetation sites on the Horse Canyon Mine property between June and August, 2003. Data were collected regarding percent cover, percent cover by species, and woody plant density at each site. Data were also collected from a reference site located on Bureau of Land Management property adjacent to mine property. Revegetation sites were compared to the reference area with respect to

cover and woody plant density to determine similarity. All sites cover averages exceed the cover average for the reference site and should be judged to have satisfactorily exceeded minimum requirements with respect to cover. Woody plant density in all revegetated sites exceeded woody plant density in the reference area. Species diversity was also higher in all revegetated areas when compared to the reference area.

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II.A.4. Reclamation treatments, areas and work accomplished

The following MRP Chapters address the information required:

Reclamation areas and plan	Chapter 3, Volume I
Postmining Topography	
Drainage Control	
Vegetation	
Land Use	
*** The Post Mine Land Use Change including the CEU of	
in Appendix X-4.	

Roads

All roads were reclaimed except for the Horse Canyon public road. All reclaimed roads are included on the maps in the areas designated "Phase III Reclaimed Areas." The roads were reclaimed according to the approved MRP. A short road will be needed to access the Road Junction Refuse Pile channel that sustained storm damage as shown on Map III-2A. This road will be opened up to access the channel for repairs and will be immediately

reclaimed and seeded during the first available reclamation season according to the approved MRP.

II.A.5. Mining history and reclamation activities

The Horse Canyon Mine was initially opened by the Defense Plant Corporation in 1942 as a source for coal for the Geneva Steel Works in Orem, Utah. The mine was sold to U.S. Steel in 1946, who operated it until January 1984, when mining was permanently suspended. U.S. Steel submitted a mining and reclamation permit application in March, 1981. In October 1982, U.S. Steel informed the Division that it was temporarily suspending mining operations, and in January 1984 permanent suspension was announced.

In November 1984, Kaiser Steel Corporation purchased the mine property and submitted a reclamation bond in the amount of \$918,649, and indicated to the Division that it would maintain the operations in a temporary suspension status until further corporate decisions were made. In February 1987, Kaiser Coal, successor to Kaiser Steel filed a petition for bankruptcy under Chapter 11, Title 11, of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Intermountain Power Agency (IPS) acquired the mine and the permit was transferred to IPA in August 1990. IPA was issued a mining and reclamation plan on May 6, 1991, and a reclamation bond in the amount of \$1,950,000 was issued in the form of a letter of credit.

Reclamation work proceeded on 51.56 acres of the 74.26 acres in 1990 and 1991. Phase I bond release was granted on February 5, 1997 for \$812,276. Phase II bond release application was submitted on December 19, 1997.

UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. acquired the mine from IPA on December 21, 1998. Phase II bond release was granted on April 11, 2002.

II.A.6. Extended Responsibility

The only area of extended responsibility period for the Horse Canyon Mine is shown on Map III-2A consisting of a short access road to the channel that sustained storm runoff damage, and the channel repair area. This area and road consist of 0.49 acres.

II.A.7. Remaining sediment control structures

There are no remaining sediment control structures that need to be removed.

II.A.8. Schedule and cost estimate for remaining reclamation

Phase II Bond release has been granted, this application is for Phase III bond release, completing the reclamation process, except for the 0.49 acre area on the Road Junction Refuse Pile where the channel will be repaired.

With the post mine land use change for the CEU donation, all un-reclaimed facilities and land have been removed from permit responsibility.

II.A.9. Summary of bond acreages, dates of bond releases

Date	Status	Amount	Acreages
11 Nov 84	Initial Kaiser Bond	\$ 918,649	74.26 Disturbed
6 May 91	IPA Bond	\$ 1,950,000	74.26 Disturbed
5 Feb 97	Phase I Bond Release (IPA)	\$ 812,726	74.26 - 51.56 = 22.7 Balance
15 Sept 98	Intital Horse Canyon Bond (UAE)	\$ 1,137,726	22.7 Disturbed Remaining
24 Jan 01	Adjustment at permit renewal by \$115,274	\$ 1,253,000	22.7 Disturbed Remaining
11 Apr 02	Phase II Bond Released \$191,672	\$ 1,061,328	22.7 Disturbed Remaining
25 Feb 04	Post Mine Land Use Change Approved including 16.18 acres	No Change	22.7 -16.18 = 6.52 Remaining ^A
	Phase III Bond Release Application	\$1,051,328	74.26-0.49 = 73.77 Ph III
	Road Junction Refuse Pile Channel & Access Road	\$10,000	0.49 Remaining

ARefer to Section II.A.1 on page 2 of this application for an explanation of the 6.5 acres.

LIST OF ADDRESSES

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Re: Phase III Bond Release, Horse Canyon Mine, DOGM Permit C\007\013

Dear Mr. Stokes,

In accordance with the requirements of R645-301-880.120, UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. (UAE) is notifying the surface land owners and local government body within and adjacent to the Horse Canyon Mine of intention to seek Phase III bond release on those disturbed lands approved for reclamation, and on lands donated to the College of Eastern Utah. The land is described on the attached public notice.

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Reclamation of the 51.65 remaining acres was completed in 1991, and meets the requirements of the regulations for post mine land use of Wildlife Habitat, including stabilization of lands, restoration of drainages, and vegetation establishment. After the 1991 reclamation, storm damaged the Road Junction Refuse Pile channel requiring channel repairs including an access road to the channel for a total of 0.49 acres which will remain under Surety #4892.

In summary:

51.56 (acres included in Phase I and Phase II bond release)

16.18 (acres donated)

6.50 (acres identified for future disturbance but never disturbed)

.02 (bridge abutments within Emery County Road ROW)

74.26 Acres

<u>-0.49</u> (Acres remaining under Surety #4892 for Road Junction Refuse Pile channel and access road)

73.77 Acres (total acres within the disturbed area for Phase III bond release)

Comments from the legal or equitable owner of record of the surface areas to be affected and from the Federal, Utah and local government agencies should be mailed to: Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Attention: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Permit Supervisor, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, P.O. Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 637-5032 Extension 724, or Pamela Grubaugh-Littig at (801) 538-5268.

Sincerely,

Jay Marshall Project Engineer

Date

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Jay Marshall Project Engineer

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United States Department of The Interior Bureau of Land Management Mr. Mark Mackiewicz 125 South 600 West Price, Utah 84501

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Department of Natural Resources Division of Sovereign Lands & Forestry 1594 W. North Temple, Suite 3520 P.O. Box 145703 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5703

Re: Phase III Bond Release, Horse Canyon Mine, DOGM Permit C\007\013

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Mr. Bruce Andrews, Mayor Sunnyside City 701 Market St. Sunnyside, Utah 84539

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Emery County Planning & Zoning Commission PO Box 727 75 East Main St. Castle Dale, Utah 84513

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Mr. Darrel Leamaster Castle Valley Special Service District 86 South 100 East Castle Dale, Utah 84513

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Public Notice

Application for Phase III Bond Release

Horse Canyon Mine UtahAmerican Energy , Inc. Permit C/007/013, Renewed 5/6/2001 Emery County, Utah

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Township 16 South, Range 14 East, Salt Lake Base & Meridian

Section 3

Lot 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, N2SW4SW4, SW4SE4, NW4SW4, NE4SW4, N2SE4 SE4SE4

Section 4

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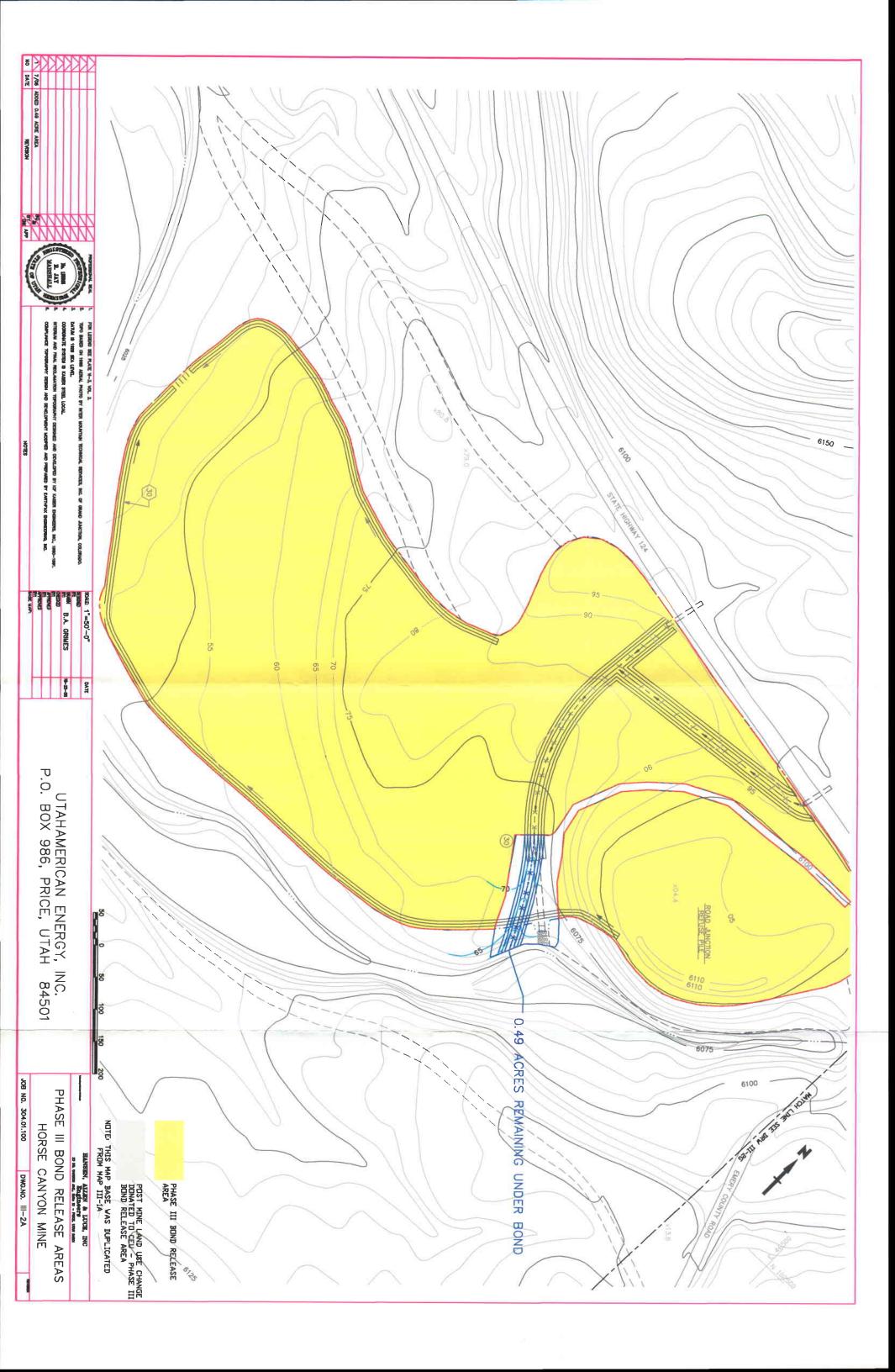
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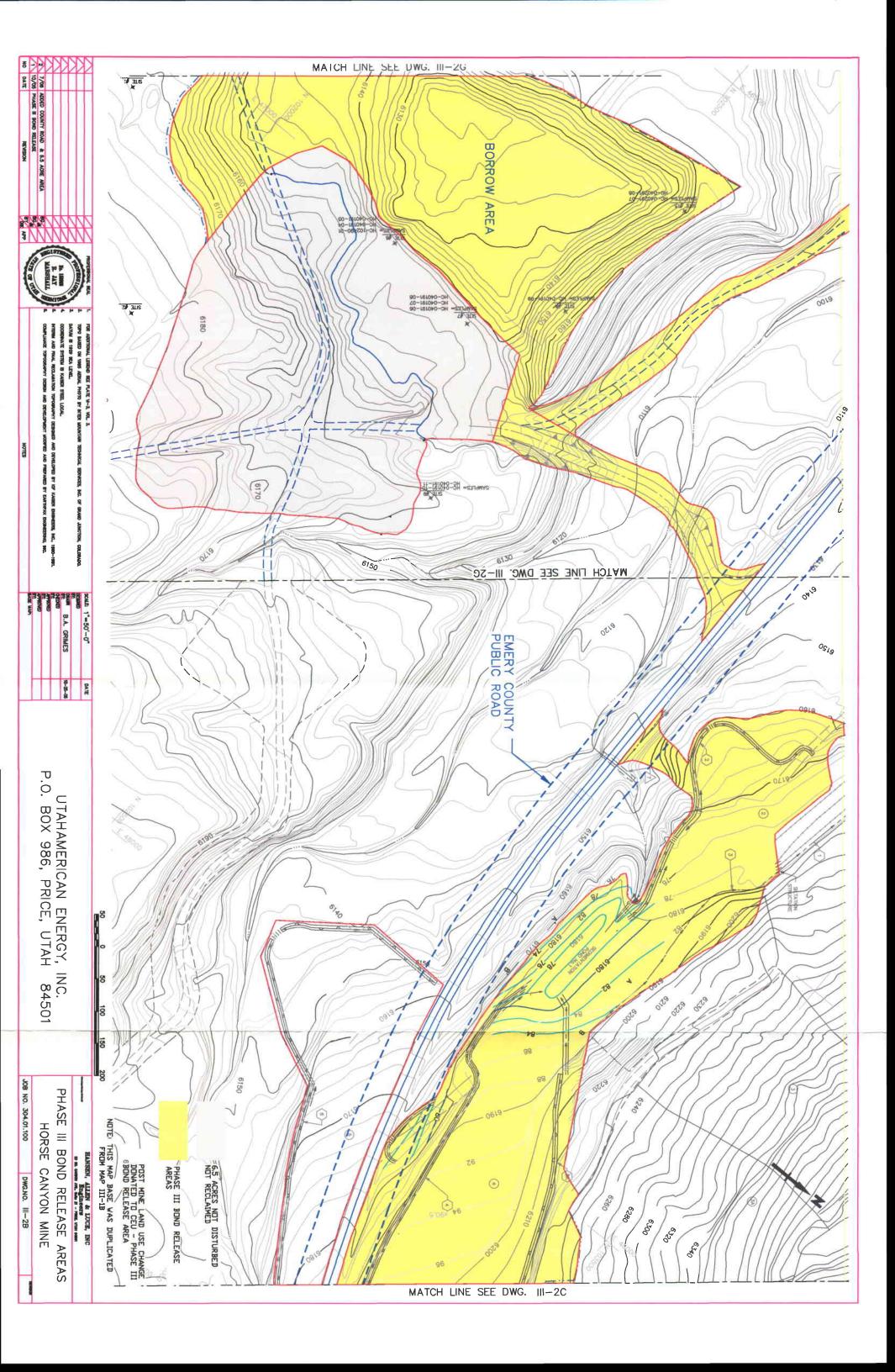
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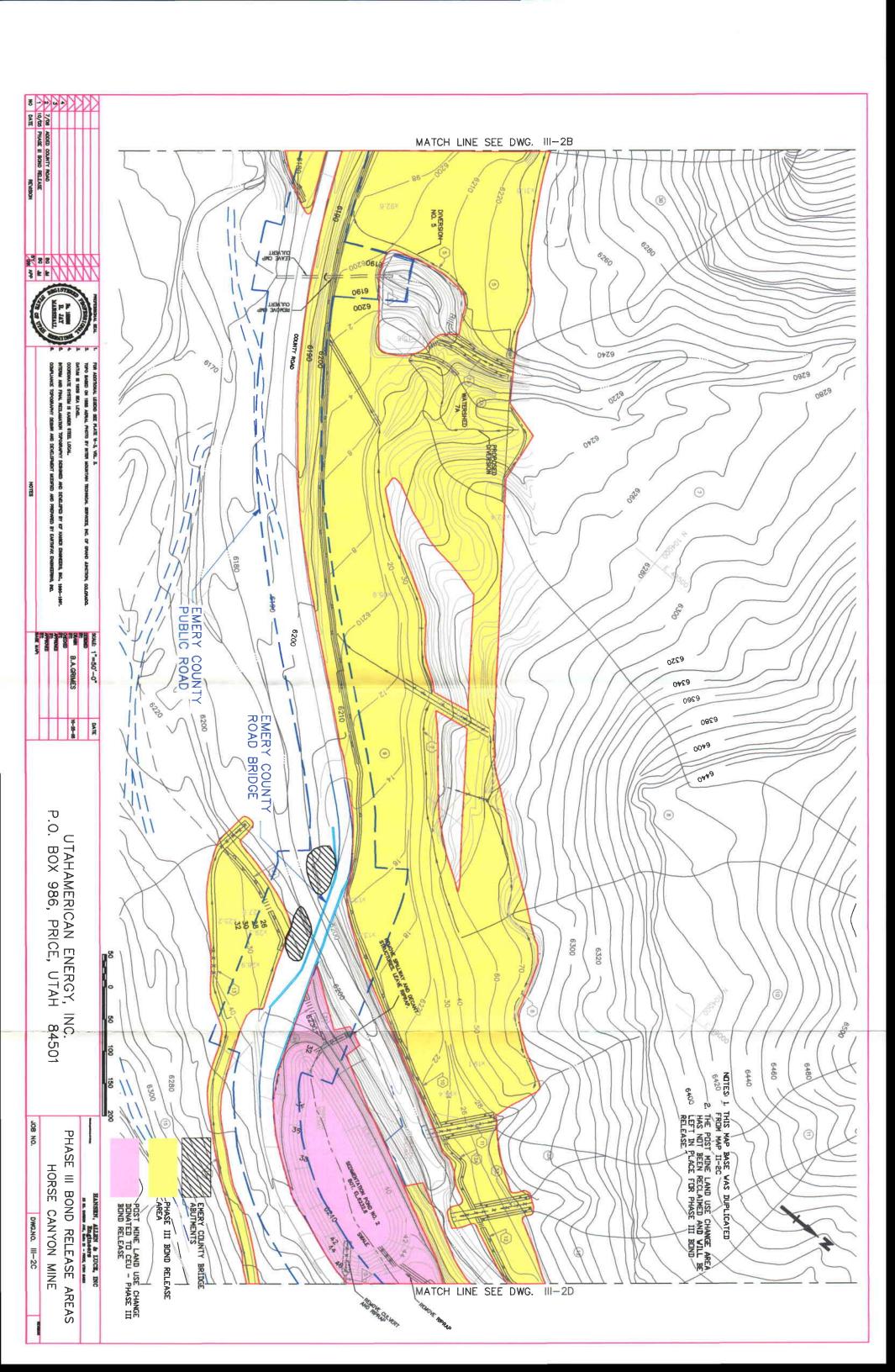
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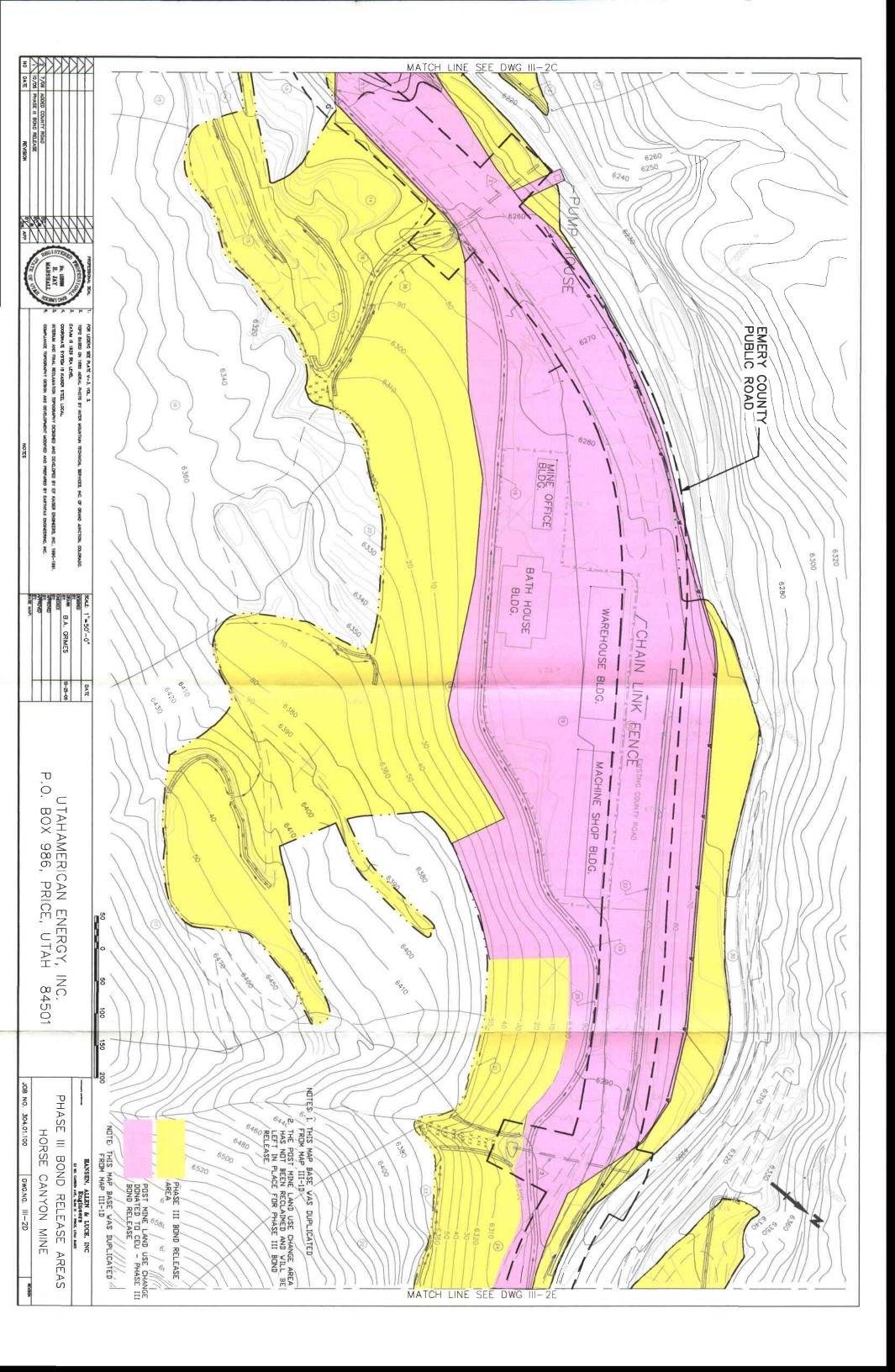
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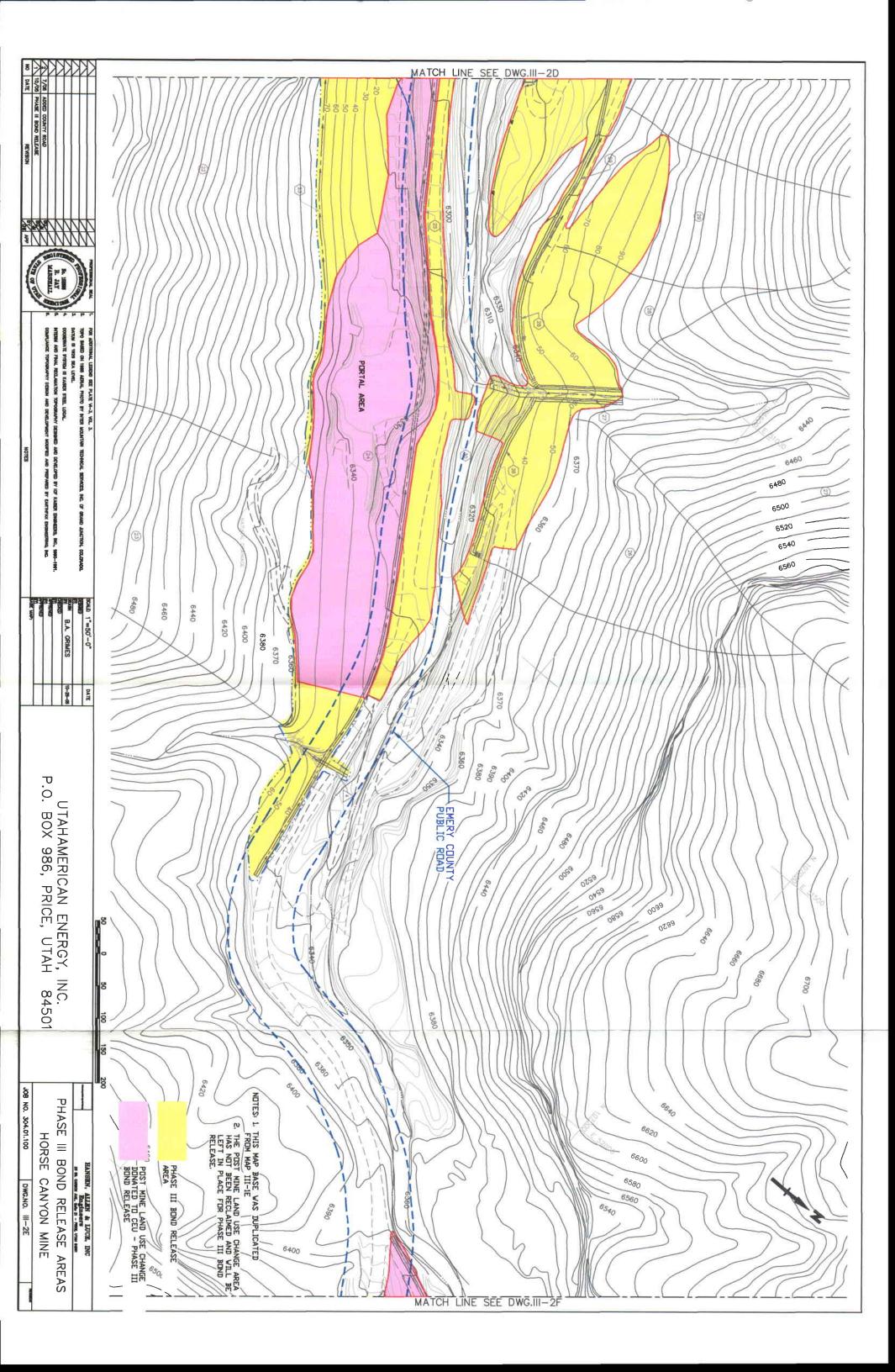
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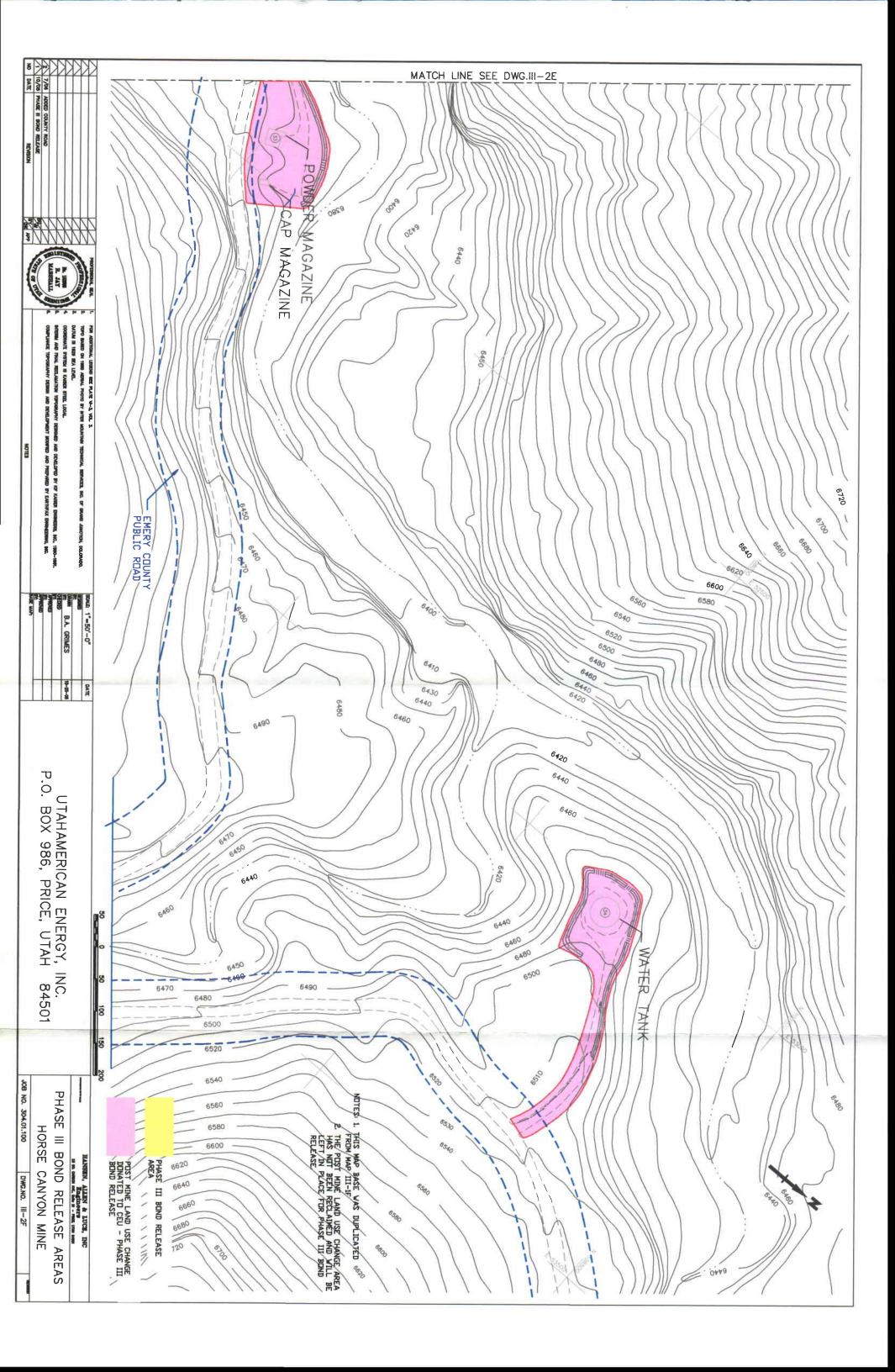


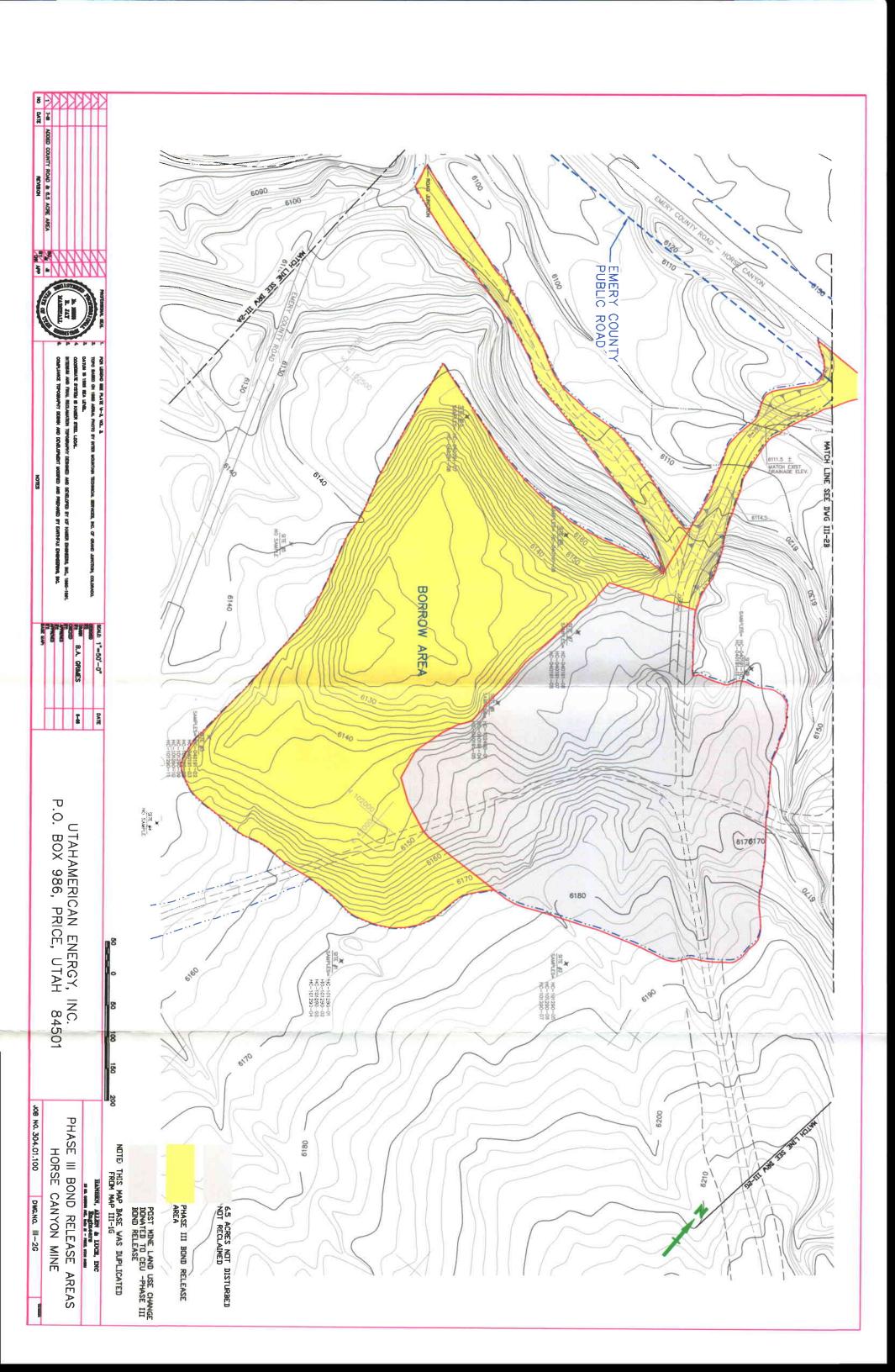












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UDOGM Phase III Bond Release Application Review Comments Letter Dated June 5, 2006



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MICHAEL R. STYLER Executive Director

Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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Division Director

JON M. HUNTSMAN, JR.

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June 5, 2006

Jay Marshall, Resident Agent UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. P.O. Box 986 Price, Utah 84501

Subject: Phase III Bond Release UtahAmerican Energy, Inc., Horse Canyon Mine, C/007/0013, Task ID #2409, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Marshall:

The above-referenced amendment has been reviewed. There are deficiencies that must be adequately addressed prior to approval. In order for us to continue to process your application, please respond to these deficiencies by July 7, 2006.

The deficiencies are as follows:

- R645-301-762.100 The Permittee must reconstruct the Refuse Pile channel to meet the standard for a 100 yr-24 hr precipitation event prior to receiving Phase III bond release.
- R645-301-880.130, The Permittee must include a notarized statement that certifies that all applicable reclamation activities have been accomplished in accordance with the requirements of the R645-Rules.
- R645-301-880.120, The Permittee must state in the newspaper advertisement the type of bond, such as surety, letter of credit or collateral and describe the 6.5-acre area and the 0.02-acre area. The Permittee must state in the letters sent to adjoining property owners and government agencies the correct acreage (the letters state that 51.56 acres are scheduled for bond release instead of 74.26 acres), that bond release will occur on four subareas and what those subareas are, the location of the property, a description of the results achieved during reclamation and that the recipient can submit objections to a request for a public hearing or informal conference to the Division.
- R645-301-121.100, The Permittee must include information in the bond release package that discusses the 6.5-acre area and 0.02 acre area. The Permittee must provide documentation that the 6.5-acre area was

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Page 3 Jay Marshall June 5, 2006

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5268 or Wayne Western at (801) 538-5263.

Sincerely,

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig/ Permit Supervisor

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Appendix III-1-8

Reclamation Certification



UtahAmerican Energy, Inc.

Horse Canyon Mine ACT/007/013

Re Phase III Bond Release Horse Canyon Mine ACT 007/013

I hereby certify to the best of my information and belief all the information contained in this request for bond release is true and correct and that all applicable reclamation activities have been accomplished in accordance with the requirement of the Act, the regulatory program and the approved reclamation plan.

R. Jay Masshall Vice Proceds Sign Name, Position, Date	1 7/5/06
Subscribed and sworn to before me this da	ay of <u>July</u> , 2006
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0.02 Acres - Emery County Bridge Abutments - Emery County Roads Department Letter



February 26, 1996

Mr. William W. Engles
Coal Supply Engineer
Intermountain Power Agency
City of Los Angeles
Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1107
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: Ownership of the Horse Canyon Bridge

Dear Mr. Engles:

In October 1995, Emery County entered into a Special Warranty Deed and Dedication Agreement with the Intermountain Power Agency in which Emery County assumed the right and title to the Range Creek Road right-of-way through Horse Canyon. It is Emery County's understanding that the right-of-way includes all structures within the legal description of the property. The structures within the right-of-way also include the bridge that spans Horse Canyon Creek within the mine area.

If you have further questions concerning this matter, please feel free to call me at (801) 381-5450.

Sincerely,

Rex Funk

Emery County Road Supervisor

Ec: Kent Petersen, Commissioner
Bevan Wilson, Commissioner
Randy Johnson, Commissioner

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